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tered when home built. The registration took place also at the

telephone and telegraph exchange.

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10.	The purchase of spare parts and tubes was possible in the various state owned stores and the bazaar. There never seemed to be any shortages of this commodity. how wide spread the use of radios was among the population but the price of 500 rubles for the "Record" radio was very reasonable for the wage standard of the Soviet workers in Rubeshnoye.	50X1-HUM
11.	an official announcement or law which specifi- cally prohibited listening to foreign broadcasts, and	50X1-HUM
	anyone being apprehended for this practice.	50X1-HUM
	it was safe to assume that those who had radios were exposed to	20X1-HOIVI
	foreign broadcasts. As a matter of fact, manySoviet co-	50X1-HUM
	workers listened to as was discovered from casual conversations with them. This of course was kept strictly secret, and no mention was ever made when it was thought that willing ears could overhear their conversations.	50X1-HUM
12.	There was one central public address system in the town of Rubezhnoye (location unknown) which was apparently controlled from the telephone and telegraph exchange. There were several loudspeakers in open public places, and also a possibility of a connection in homes.	
13.	any jamming on any wave length in the radios in Rubezhnoye, and if there was such a procedure in force, it never became obvious. Radio reception was poor before 2200 hours because of the general widespread use of the electrical system, but never such that it was not possible to hear long or short wave broadcasts.	50X1-HUM
TRAN	SPORTATION	
Rail	roads	
14.	Wolfen in Germany to Rubezhnoye, through Brest, Smolensk and Moscow. In Brest the Soviet rail gauge tracks began and	50X1-HUM
•	transferred from one train onto a Soviet type. There were no other gauge changes between Brest and Rubezhnoye. From Brest to Moscow the line was double tracked, and not electrified, as was the line from Moscow to Rubezhnoye. Throughout	50X1-HUM
	the trip to and from Rubezbnoye very little of the train system itself, There were numerous stops along	50X1-HUM
,	the way because of many broken sections of lines, and it seemed that every 50 - 60 kms stopped for as long as three hours. Construction gangs were a common sight and most of them	50X1-HUM
	were probably prisoners of war or slave laborers.	50X1-HUM
	one thing in Rubezhnoye, however, The road bed was not covered with crushed rock but the ties were laid on hard needed door	50X1-HUM

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light colored wood, and were not treated with tar. When a t was laid, the rails were fastened onto the ties upon a flat and the whole completed section was laid onto the road bed,	oar,
individually, as done in Germany. The rails the selves were fastened to the ties with large screw type bolts	50X1-l
never saw a diesel engine in the USSE, and do not know they eperated. in May 1951, along another route via Kharkov, the southern route. From Rubeshnoye all the way to Brest, the line was double tracked in good condition. There were few stops, and these were of short duration.	taken 50X1-l and
at Brest. another item which may be of inter German tenk cars which arrived from the interior of Germany were not transloaded, but after some adjustment in the under carriage, continued on their way on flowiet rail gauge tracks adjustments were made, but when these cars	•
tinued on their way on the Soviet rail gauge tracks, they ro	con− de 50X1-l
on only about half of the Soviet rail gauge rails. never ticed any building of what would seem like electrical lines where along our route into the USSR.	no= 50X1-l
All the locomotives seen in the USSR were in good operating order and were clean and almost new looking. The of the relling stock was in battered and dirty condition as evidenced by the type of cars on my trip in and or	rest t
of the WSSR. It seemed that all free trains were always full of free riders, giving one the impre-	ssion • 9
that there were no passenger trains available. This practic resulted in many fatal accidents to these riders. After 194	
resulted in many fatal accidents to these riders. After 194 the government took strict measures against riding the rails anyone caught would be immediately arrested. The passenger cars to and from the USSR, were of the pre-World War I vintage, a were in a had state of repair. There was no central heating and heat was obtained from a coal or wood burner placed in the middle of, the car. Most of the cars were without running was	50X1-l

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50X1-HUM CONFIDENTIAL 17. 50X1-HUM there were diners and all modern facilities aboard express trains travelling between large cities. BIGHTAYS 50X1-HUM All roads 18. in and around this area were unsurraced, mard packed, wirt roads, The only surfacing was in the town itself, and this was a rough type of sebblestone. Most roads were level, not built up, with no shoulders, and about 5m wide. 50X1-HUM fully loaded three and five ton trucks used them without difficulty. There was no new road construction going on 50X1-HUM anywhere in or near Rubeshnoye, but repair crews worked diligently in the late spring repairing the winter and early spring damage. Generally the roads were full of deep holes which sometimes . reached a depth of one meter. 19. The state of vehicles in Rubeshnoye was as bad as the roads; they were badly worn and in a poer state of repair. The only trucks were of the two and one half - three ton class. The majority 50X1-HUM were three ten. They were either old Studebakem or ancient Soviet medels. These vehicles were all crank started and were held tegether literally with string and bailing wire. Rubeshnoye was also the happy owner of two very old model busses. One was a Seviet model for 14 passengers and the other a German make for 25 passengers. These two busses ran a shuttle between Rubeshnoye and a small town north east for workers employed at the Khimkenbinat. In addition to the truck vehicles, there were also two or three "Moskwitchs" in this town for the use of the Birector of the plant and hey persennel. These were hand started cars. how many trucks and passenger cars there were all in all, the system of licence plate numbering. Motor-50X1-HUM cycles were almost unheard of here, the only one or two which did exist were very old and noisy models. Bioycles were becoming mere numerous in the town of Euberhnoye in 1951, and these 50X1-HUM were the pride of all who were fortunate enough bown end. Where the The only repair shop and bicycles were purchased, 50X1-HUM filling station in or around Rubezhnoye was in the Khinkembinat grounds and was owned and operated by this plant. Indeed the most common means of transportation was the common wagon or cart. These were seen in great numbers far outnumbering the motor vehicles. 20. Most of the traffic in this area was freight, and practically all was motorised. The Soviets used motor vehicles to transport everything, for some reason not relying on rail transportation at all, or at least not noticeably so.

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